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SUBJECT: CYPRUS ANTIQUITIES: WHEREABOUTS LOIZIDES
COLLECTION

1.DEPARTMENT MOST APPRECIATES POST'S HELPFUL GUIDANCE
NICOSIA 887.

2.DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY ABOUT
ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTION OF A MR. CHRISTAKIS LOIZIDES OF
MORPHOU. LOIZIDES' HOME AT 25 LOUKIS AKRITIS STREET,
MORPHOU SAID TO HAVE CONTAINED LARGE AND EXCELLENT COL-
LECTION OF ANTIQUITIES. HE IS PRESENTLY RESIDING AT IONIAN
25, NICOSIA. WE ARE INFORMED THAT LOIZIDES MAY COME INTO
EMBASSY TO SEE PAO GRIMLAND WITH COPY INVENTORY. IF
NOT, DR. VASSOS KARAGEORGHIS HAS COPY. IS THERE POSSIBILITY
THAT COLLECTION HAS BEEN DESTROYED, PILFERED, OR TRANSFERRED
TO MAINLAND TURKEY? TO ANSWER CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY DE-
PARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE, IF FEASIBLE,
IN ASCERTAINING WHEREABOUTS AND SECURITY OF THIS COLLEC-
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